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HYDROPHILIC FUNCTIONALITY

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully submit(s) the items of information on the enclosed Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits but before the mailing date of a final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311. No fee is due since this statement is submitted as certified under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant(s) request(s) that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,
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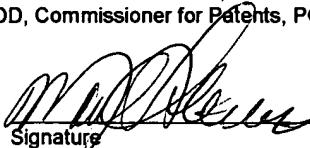
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Examiner: _____ **Date Considered:** _____